Jay Steele

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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS: Solid experience managing the development and

restoration of civil engineering projects in both

the public and private sector.

Extensive knowledge of Caltrans requirements

and operations.

Exceptional communication and negotiating skills.

EXPERIENCE:

1/2000 – Present: Independent Civil Engineering Consultant (retired from Caltrans – 1/2000)

- Served as the contractor nominated member on Dispute Review Boards on several Caltrans contracts and other agencies.
- Served as Dispute Review Board Chairman on several Caltrans contracts and other agencies.

6/1997 – 12/1999: Caltrans (District 8) – Construction Engineer

- Managed freeway construction projects in the Riverside County area.
- Oversaw multiple contracts valued in excess of millions of dollars.
- Directed staff of twenty Resident Engineers and inspectors.
- Achieved assurance of quality control using the personnel and resources available in the most effective manner while minimizing contract disputes and claims.

9/1995 - 5/1997: Caltrans (Headquarters) – Claims Analyst

- Functioned as secretary for the Board of Review.
- Prepared and submitted Board of Review reports.
- Prepared and submitted settlement reports.

11/1994 – 9/1995: Caltrans (District 7) – Interim Construction Division Chief (North)

- Conducted District Board of Review sessions and claim hearings.
- Managed construction projects in the northern region of District 7.
- Assisted in the Construction Office Administration.

1/1994 – 11/1994: Caltrans (Northridge Earthquake Restoration) – Construction Engineer

- Managed the demolition of structures damaged by the Northridge earthquake and the planning and construction of the Route 5 detour.
- Managed reconstruction contracts of all facilities in the Santa Clarita area, 5/14 Interchange and the extremities leading into southern California, after the Northridge earthquake.

- Coordinated with the Headquarters' Office Engineer the advertising dates for all contracts to ensure immediate occupancy of facilities upon completion.
- Oversaw thirty-five contracts valued in excess of 125 million dollars.
- Managed Incentive/Disincentive, Force Account and regular contracts.
- Only one contract had a claim, resolved through arbitration.

9/1992 – 1/1994: Caltrans - Construction Engineer

- Oversaw freeway construction projects in Ventura County.
- Directed thirty-five Resident Engineers and inspectors in the administration of forty-five major contracts and numerous minor contracts.
- Achieved assurance of quality control using the personnel and resources available in the most effective manner while minimizing contract disputes and claims.

1/1991 – 9/1992: Caltrans – Resident Engineer

- Managed freeway construction projects in Ventura County.
- Turned around a failing project with multiple major potential claims and completed the project on time with all claims resolved.
- Managed and completed several other high profile projects in the area.
- Directed twelve inspectors in the administration of multiple contracts.

5/1981 – 12/1990: General Engineering Construction (Private Sector) – Partner/Project Manager/Engineer

- Partnered a general engineering construction company.
- Functioned as Project Manager/Engineer for single family, residential development in Los Angeles County.
- Managed Civil and Soil Engineering, quantity takeoffs, bid solicitation, analyzing bids, negotiating contracts, and coordinating and overseeing the work.
- Approved payments and handled dispute resolution for all work.

7/1958 – 5/1981: California Division of Highways (currently Caltrans) – Various positions

• Held various positions in Materials, Surveying, Design and Administration of Construction Contracts on state highways and freeways.

EDUCATION:

B.S. – Civil Engineering: Rose Hulman Institute of Technology, Terre Haute, Indiana

LICENSES:

Dispute Review Board Foundation Certification for member and chairman General Engineering Contractor - California California Registered Civil Engineer Certified Mediator